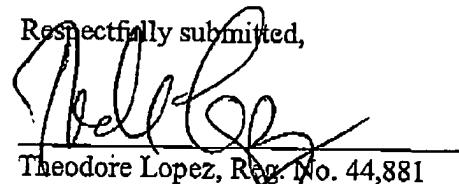


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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 8, 2004, Applicants hereby wish to elect Species 3 in figures 7A-B. Claims 1, 5-7, and 18 read upon the elected species. This election is being made with traverse and without prejudice to continue prosecution of the non-elected claim in a later application. Claims 1, 5-7, and 18 remain pending. Claims 2-3 have been withdrawn. Claims 8-17 and 19-32 have been canceled. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned at 949-250-6856 is welcomed and encouraged.

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